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1. A FEW SCATTERED INCIDENTS OF VANDALISM OCCURED LAST NIGHT
BY THERE WERE NO MAJOR DIFFICULTIES. ARMY TROOPS WERE NOT MASSED
AT ANY ONE POINT BUT WERE IN EVIDENCE IN SMALL NUMBERS ALMOST
EVERYWHERE. TODAY, TROOPS AND POLICE ARE STILL SCATTERED
THROUGHOUT CITY, BUT TENSIONS HAVE LESSENED PERCEPTIBLY. ARMORED
CARS THAT WERE GUARDING MAYOR'S OFFICE HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN TO POINTS
ALONG EDGE OF RESTRICTED AREA IN CENTRAL CITY. LITTER OF BROKEN
GLASS AND STONES HAS BEEN CLEANED UP IN JL. A. YANI AND SHOPS
(MOSTLY CHINESE) ARE ALL OPEN. VANDALISM INCLUDED SOME BROKEN WINDOWS
IN CHINESE HOMES, BUT CHINESE DID NOT BECOME FOCUS OF THESE ACTS.

2. CITY AUTHORITIES HAVE MODIFIED RESTRICTIONS TO PERMIT PEDAL
BECAKS TO ENTER RESTRICTED AREA AFTER 1800 HOURS RATHER THAN THE
EARLIER ORDERED 2200 HOURS. DRIVERS OF PEDAL BECAKS HAVE ALSO
DEMANDED THAT MOTORIZED BECAKS NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE RESTRICTED
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AREA TO CARRY PASSENGERS TO OUTLYING PARTS OF CITY. PRESS REPORTS

INDICATE THAT CITY OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO AGREED TO THIS. CERTAIN STREETS THAT HAD BEEN MADE ONE-WAY HAVE BEEN REOPENED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC WHICH SHOULD RELIEVE THE TRAFFIC CONFUSION IN THOSE AREAS.

3. AUTHORITIES SEEM TO HAVE SITUATION COMPLETELY UNDER CONTROL AT THIS TIME. WE CONTINUE TO FEEL THAT STORM WILL SOON BLOW OVER AND THINGS WILL SETTLE DOWN. NEED TO CALL IN ARMY ONCE AGAIN POINTS UP INEFFECTIVENESS OF LOCAL POLICE. SO LONG AS LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARE WILLING TO CALL IN THE ARMY, HOWEVER, THERE SEEMS TO BE LITTLE DANGER THAT THINGS WILL GET OUT OF HAND.

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